AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first and second Paragraphs on Page 7 with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

Figure 1 shows a schematic representation of a device according to the invention for shear pin monitoring in the case of an eccentric press, ~~and~~

Figure 2 shows a representation of the time relationships during the monitoring of the characteristic pulse train[.], and

Please add the following paragraph:

Figure 3 is a flowchart diagram illustrating the method of operation of the device.

Please replace the third and fourth paragraphs on page 9 with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

In Figure 2, the time relationship between the pulse train 28and the control signal 40 is represented. At the moment in time t_1, the first past 32 detects a first pulse edge 50 of the pulse train 28. This pulse edge triggers a time measurement, which determines the time interval 52 up to the occurrence of the next pulse edge 54. The second part 34 subsequently determines a first monitoring time period 58 from the time interval 52 plus a tolerance time 56. The device 10 also

detects with the second pulse edge 54 that a pulse train 28 exists. The control signal 40 is therefore switched on at the moment in time t_2. The press 12 can then be put into operation.

The third part 36 monitor whether a next (expected) pulse edge 60 occurs within the first monitoring time period 58. If this is the case, as represented in Figure **[2]** 3, the control signal 40 remains switched on and the press 12 can continue to be operated.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 10 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

Furthermore, the second part 34 measures the time interval 62 between the pulse edges 54 and 60, and [they] determines from this a second monitoring time period 64, within which the next expected pulse edge 66 must occur. The steps are continuously repeated as shown in the flowchart diagram of Figure 3.